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SUBJECT: REPORTED NEW U. S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL

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1. FYI: U. S. FINANCIAL AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR ISRAEL ARE ONGOING AND MULTIYEAR IN NATURE, SUBJECT OF COURSE TO ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS. CONTENTS OF PROGRAMS, IN PARTICULAR ITEMS IN MILITARY SUPPLY PIPELINE, ARE SUBJECT OF CONTINUING AND COMPLEX PROCESS OF STUDY, REVIEW, NEGOTIATION AND DECISION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT NEED FOR LONG LEAD TIME ON MANY ITEMS SUCH AS AIRCRAFT. BOTH WE AND ISRAELIS HAVE MADE POINT OF AVOIDING FOCUS ON SPECIFICS AND ON EXPECTATION THAT ANY PARTICULAR OCCASION IS TIME FOR DRAMATIC DECISIONS. PRESS, OF COURSE, WILL SEEK TO DRAMATIZE ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND PRESS STORIES SUCH AS N. Y. TIMES ARTICLE REFERRED TO REFTTEL, CONTAINING MIXTURE OF FACT AND SPECULATION, ARE UNFORTUNATE BUT PROBABLY INEVITABLE. OUR POLICY IS TO DECLINE COMMENT ON OR DISSEMINATION OF SPECIFICS WHILE REITERATING FACT THAT U. S. POLICY REMAINS ONE OF SUPPORT THROUGH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR SECURITY POSTURE OF ISRAEL AS WELL AS OUR OTHER FRIENDS IN AREA. END FYI.

2. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON STATE 46960, WHICH GAVE DEPT SPOKESMAN'S REPLY TO QUESTION ON NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, AND ON ATHERTON- KHALIL CONVERSATION OF MARCH 9 (STATE 44656, PARA 7) IN REPLYING TO ANY GOE QUERIES ON SUBJECT OF US- ISRAELI ARMS RELATIONSHIP. YOU COULD ALSO POINT OUT AS APPROPRIATE THAT GOE NOT IN HABIT OF SHARING INFORMATION WITH US ON ITS MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIPS. ROGERS

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